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LOK SABHA

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Open Defecation
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest number of people in the world defecating in open;

(b) if so, the details and percentage thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the number of people defecating in open has decreased after implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the study undertaken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the target fixed by Government to minimize open defecation in the country; and

(e) whether any district in the country has become entirely open defecation-free since the launch of SBM and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) Yes. As per Joint Monitoring Programme Report, 2015, 59.43% of people defecating in open in the World are from India.

(b) State/UT-wise, percentage of rural households defecating in open as on 19-02-2016, as reported by States/UTs on the Online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) maintained by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India is at Anexure-1.

(c) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) was launched on 2nd October, 2014. As per the data submitted by the State/UTs on online IMIS, the percentage of rural households defecating in open was 57.95% on 2nd October, 2014. This has decreased to 50.05% as on 19-02-2016. State/UT-wise details is at Annexure-2.

(d) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has a goal to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2nd October, 2019.

(e) The districts of Nadia-West Bengal, Indore-Madhya Pradesh and Bikaner-Rajasthan have been declared Open Defecation Free by the respective State Governments after launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on 2nd October, 2016.